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Tuesday, October 7.

Democratic Nominations.

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The empty coal scuttle is going campaigning this fall with the formerly full dinner pail.

A census of the Filipinos has been ordered, but will they stand long enough to be counted?

Speaker Henderson's reasons for flying the track are like the Irishman's alibi—of assorted sizes.

Secretary Root denies that he wants to resign his office. We do not wonder that he characterized the report as silly. It was.

The mine operators evidently knew what they were doing when they arbitrarily declined to meet President Mitchell, of the miners, half way at the White House.

Our old friend, Chauncey Depew, republican senator from New York, rises to remark that the trusts are good things and should be let alone. The only thing the matter with Senator Chauncey is that he is more candid and courageous than other republican leaders. They all think that way—Chauncey talks his thoughts out in meeting.

The latest status of the coal strike situation seems to be about this: The insolent demand on the part of the operators made to president Roosevelt that troops be sent into the affected localities to enforce the right of the mine owners has been heeded by the governor of Pennsylvania—and President Roosevelt has sent his politically renowned representative of labor, F. P. Sargent, out to tell the miners they had better return to work.

The democratic state central committee of Michigan has by a vote of 14 to 10, chosen L. T. Durand, of Saginaw, as the party's candidate for governor, in place of his brother, Judge George H. Durand, of Flint, who was nominated by the convention, but became incapacitated through sickness. L. T. Durand, when notified of his selection, sent the following message: "I accept and will take up the battle of the people of Michigan in behalf of good government, for which my brother sacrificed so much."

"How old is Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, retired?" is a question the navy department is trying to solve. Is he 99 or 100? The records don't show and Rear Admiral Selfridge won't tell. He says it is nobody's business how old he is. But as he entered the navy in 1818, and must have been at least 15 years old at that time, the supposition is that he is between 99 and 100. The admiral's oldest son, Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, Jr., owns to be 66 years of age. The senior Selfridge was born in Hubbardstown, Mass.

A committee once called on Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister who has been ordered home, to request him to address a society connected with one of the fashionable churches in Washington. Casual mention was made of the fact that the youthful pastor of the church had recently resigned to enter upon a new field of

labor on the Pacific coast. "Why did he resign?" asked Mr. Wu. "Because he had received a call to another church," was the reply. "What salary did you pay him?" "Four thousand dollars." "What is his new salary?" "Eight thousand dollars." "Ah!" said the disciple of Confucius. "A very loud call."

The Coal Strike.

How may the great coal strike be settled without further famine or bloodshed? This is the problem which engages the thought of most Americans at the present time. The recommendation of Senator Mason that a special session of congress be held at which mining properties shall be declared public utilities and receivers be named by the government to operate them is received with favor and might be successful in correcting existing conditions. The Chicago Tribune has been gathering suggestions and opinions from financiers, educators, philanthropists and politicians all over the country. Some of the responses came from this section. Congressman Ross Mickey was quoted as follows:

"The immediate settlement of the anthracite coal strike is imperative. President Roosevelt has exhausted moral suasion. In my opinion there is no federal statute that can be invoked which will avert the coal famine. An extra session of congress should be called and a law passed either authorizing the appointment of a receiver along the lines suggested by Senator Mason or a compulsory arbitration law, either of which would be effective."

The coal strike has been a vivid advance courier of the movement toward the government ownership of public utilities. The receivership method of opening the mines would be a distinct step in this general direction.

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith.

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, one of the candidates for trustee of the state university, is of southern parentage. Being reared and educated in the south her ideals of political principles have always been democratic.

She has resided in Chicago since 1876 and is one of the city's most widely known and respected public women. A successful physician and student, she has given much time and attention to those elements that tend to the culture and elevation of womanhood. She is prominent in club life, being a member of the Fortnightly and Alternate clubs, and has been three times elected president of the Chicago Woman's club, and is also vice president of the Political Equality League and a life member of the National Suffrage association.

She was appointed a trustee of the Illinois State University by the late Governor Altgeld to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bryant. She was the first woman who has held that position and she gave much time and thought to the work of that institution, filling the position with credit and honor.

A striking personality and a genial and cordial manner has made her popular with a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Her home at 419 Dearborn avenue is the center of a large influence for good in that community. The voters of the state will best conserve their own interests and the interests of the institution and its students by returning her to this responsible position which she has so ably filled in the past.

Home Rule for Cities in Ohio.

Ohio is usually classed as a progressive state, but in the rejection of the measure providing home rule for cities the Ohio legislature has placed that commonwealth, in one particular, in the same category with the most backward and boss-ridden of states. The bill in question stood for a principle which is now recognized to be of paramount importance to the advancement of American municipalities. It proposed to take questions of purely local import out of the hands of politicians at the state capital and place municipal administration on a nonpartisan business basis. It recognized the principle that in all questions of local concern the people of the municipality should have the power to determine how their city should be administered and how its public service utilities should be controlled.

The only conceivable explanation for the failure to pass this vitally important measure is that partisan and political interests proved too strong. The bosses at the state capital were unwilling to give up a system by which the local bosses could exploit local government for all that it was worth.

Just One Way.

There is just one way to keep "Gumbell" Ed Curtis out of the speakership in the next legislature. Curtis is Yates' candidate for speaker and he will be elected if the house is republican. Don't let anybody tell you that Sherman and his crowd can beat Curtis, or that Hopkins, Lorimer and the rest of Yates' partners will stop Curtis. Yates controlled the whole state convention and control of the same counties which gave him that control of a majority of the republicans in the legislature. Lorimer, Hopkins & Co., will not oppose Curtis either. As speaker in 1897, he helped them pass the Allen bill, the gas bill and everything else that they wanted. He puts them. The only way to keep "Gumbell" out of the speakership is to elect a democratic majority in the legislature.

DAILY SHORT STORY

Why the Major Resigned.

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Major Clayton of the Tenth native infantry, India, was a very obstinate man. One day while in his cups he declared that he would spend three nights in the jungle simply to prove that the tiger was a much abused animal. What the major said when tight he always backed up when sober. No matter how drunk he got, he always clearly remembered the subjects of conversation.

Next day after his boast he made ready to carry it out. He was in command at the post, and there was no superior to order him. The subordinate officers, individually and collectively, appealed to him not to expose his life, but he was firm as a rock.

"I said I would do it, and do it I will," was his reply, and it is on record that he did do it.

Kurnool is near the foothills of the Eastern mountains, in the province of Madras, and tigers were as plentiful in the jungles as dogs in the street. In that same year the civil service reported fifty-five people as having been killed by tigers. A detail of fifteen men was sent out a distance of four miles to cut a path and make a little clearing, and before nightfall Major Clayton rode to the spot. He had no weapons of defense and no tent. He simply proposed to sit at the foot of a tree all night and take his chances.

It is still looked upon in India as the biggest fool thing ever indulged in by a white man. Aside from tigers, the jungle was infested with panthers, hyenas and cobras, and there did not seem to be one chance in ten thousand that the major would come off with his life. He did, though. He not only passed one night in the jungle, but three nights, and he came out of it without a scratch. While he made light of the dangers there was no doubt that his courage had been severely tested. He admitted that tigers and panthers had prowled about within a few yards of him and that he had fought hyenas with a club, but he was inclined to hold the situation in contempt.

Unfortunately for Major Clayton, the papers published the details of his daring feat, and the brigadier at Mysore thus became acquainted with them. He forwarded a sharp reprimand, backed by a threat, and the pig headed major defended his position in a report. This brought about a breach, and the culprit was suspended from duty pending an investigation. He might possibly have pulled through again but for his own further actions.

He returned to the jungle and passed a fourth night and then boldly announced in the public print that he had killed a white man in India had ever been killed by a wild beast. In the course of a couple of weeks he got the alternative of handing in his resignation or of being brought to court martial, and he sent in his papers. He had not been clear of the service a week when his death occurred.

On the great highway running from Kurnool to Bellary, Cuddapah and Mysore, as on other highways of India, there are government bungalows for the use of travelers. They are simply shelters, as every person must furnish his own food and bedding. Major Clayton had started to ride to Bellary and at midnight took up his quarters in a bungalow. He had a servant with him, and there were several other travelers and their servants. It was a bright moonlight night, and after the evening meal the major and four other men, all of whom were civilians and acquainted with his case, sat on the veranda smoking.

The former officer was rather bitter against the military authorities, as may be supposed, and would not admit that he had put himself in a false position. He thought a hungry hyena might attack a helpless or sleeping man at night, but that neither tiger nor panther could be brought to do it. All his arguments and contentions were at variance with established facts, and his fellow travelers combated them, and the dispute waxed hot. They were all talking in loud tones and the major had just expressed his contempt for all statistics when a tiger left the cover of a bush under which he must have been crouching for some time and advanced at a slow trot across open ground directly upon the men on the veranda. His action was so bold that he was taken for a dog. There were two men on each side of the major, but as the beast came on it leaped upon the veranda, seized the former soldier by the right shoulder and had turned to leap to the ground with him before any one suspected his identity. Then one man kicked him and another grabbed him by the tail, while a third broke a chair over his head. The tiger growled and shook his victim, but would not let go. When seized, the major cried out:

"My God, it's a tiger, and I have been all wrong!"

Those were his only words. In a few seconds the beast had him on the ground and was galloping off with him. Guns were fired, and men shouted and ran after the beast, but he paid no attention to them. He leaped a ditch six feet wide, sprang over a fence, and after a run of a hundred rods over open ground he reached the jungle and disappeared. Next morning a pursuit was made, or, rather an investigation. About 200 feet from the edge of the jungle what was left of the major's body after the tiger had satisfied his hunger was found and buried, and that was the end of the man and his theories. His courage no one could gainsay, and that his death should come from the beast he was defending and for which he had sacrificed a military career made men feel creepy when they read or listened to the details.

M. QUAD.

HOW THE INDIANS VOTE.

They Are Very Deliberate and Then Have a Singular Method.

The Chickasaw Indians cast their vote differently from the way the white man does it. They meet the day before the election, and none but Chickasaws by blood is allowed to vote. No white man or intermarried citizens have the right of suffrage. They go off to themselves and have a powwow. They decide for whom they will vote after considering the matter for twenty-four hours.

The polling place is quite unlike that of the white man. There is a great sheet of paper, white, yellow or brown as the case may be, about three feet square. Upon this sheet of paper are a vast number of cross lines, regularly ruled off with a pencil. Then down one side of the sheet of paper are placed the names of all candidates for office, beginning with the candidates for governor and running on down to precinct officers. At the top of the sheet are the number of blank spaces that will be required for the names of the voters. The judges of election sit by and pass on those entitled to vote, and there is a certainty that no illegal votes are cast.

The Indian is thoroughly deliberate. He takes his time when it comes to voting. He proceeds to the polling place, looks carefully over the poll sheet, and if he is ready to cast his ballot he calls out his name, and the clerk records it on the sheet. Then the clerk reads off the names of the candidates for governor. The voter deliberates awhile, calls out the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote, his vote is recorded, and the names of the candidates for the next office are called out, and so on through the list, till all the offices represented are voted for.

Thus it is that every voter knows exactly how every other voter has cast his ballot, and there are no remarks, no suggestions and no quarrels over differences of opinion.

Persian Customs.

In Persia, as well as in Turkey and throughout the orient generally, modern waterworks are unknown, and in every Persian town the women and girls may be seen at daybreak on their way to the common wells just as in old Bible times. They carry their pithers on their shoulders and bring water for the household uses of the day. The well is the general clearing house for news. Another common sight in Persian towns is the tea seller. He carries a big brass teapot in either hand, the one full of hot water, the other of tea. His cups are in a tray, which is fastened to his belt. He cries in a singsong tone: "Hot tea! Sweet tea! Tea of crimson color!" His tea is prepared with herbs and has a delicious, spicy odor. Wine is carried about in buffskins, which, plumped out to their original form by the fluid within, present a startling appearance to the novice. It is one of the impossible things for the western barbarian to attain admission to the Persian royal harem, but the rage for photographs has penetrated even that sequestered spot, and photographers have lately been admitted for the purpose of photographing the royal infants.—New York Tribune.

Plants and Gravitation.

The sense of gravitation in plants is that sense, for example, that makes a pine tree grow straight upward. A plant that curves assumes that position because its sense of gravitation makes it take the one best suited to its needs. Some flower stalks are very curiously guided by the gravitation sense. The narcissus is an example. At first there is a straight stalk piercing the ground with its compact pointed flower bud, but as the flower opens the stalk bends close to the top and brings the flower into a roughly horizontal position, where it shows off its bright colored crown to attract the insects, on the visits of which it depends for fertilization. The flowers are guided to the right position by the gravitation sense, and they increase or diminish the angular bend in their stalk until the right position is attained.

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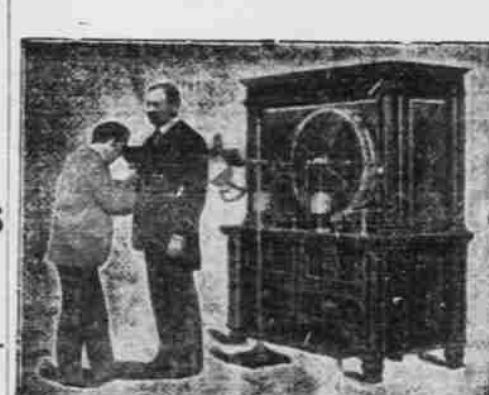
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